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Bible Thought for Today

May 5

DEBRAUD NOT:—For this is the will of God, that no man should defraud his brother in any matter.—1 Thessalonians 4, 3, 4.

THE INDIANA ELECTION.

The victory achieved by Albert J. Beveridge in Indiana Tuesday is the most heartening political incident in years. It seems to stand as conclusive proof that a direct appeal to the intelligence of the voters can be relied on to win, a doctrine that had come to be universally rejected by politicians and statesmen of both political organizations. It must be accepted as a direct rebuke to the weaklings who have feared joining issues and fighting them out before the electorate.

Many theories will be advanced concerning this amazing election result. There will be those who will profess to see in it nothing more than a personal tribute to Beveridge; and these will be partially right. There will be those who will see in it a protest against the national administration; and these will be partially right. The personality of Beveridge did enter materially into the result, because the superb ability of the man has been recognized for years; no doubt many voted for him with the intention of thus expressing their dissatisfaction with the national administration, but not along partisan lines or because of the personality of the president, so much as because of the general lack of decisive leadership and the type of politicians who have gained the presidential ear.

In the judgment of The World Beveridge made his successful appeal on principles. It was his courage in thinking straight concerning various public questions, his courage in joining the issue directly on all these questions, that caused the people to recognize in him a leader promising much greater satisfaction in American public life than any now in sight, which enabled him to win over politicians, political organization and money spent lavishly.

The old line of cleavage within the republican party—progressive vs. reactionary—had nothing to do with it, beyond the hateful recollection of the general actions of the reactionary element in the republican party, coupled with the fear that this element sits at the moment in comfortable control of the administration and the congress. We are supported in this view by the fact that not one of the old issues was involved in the campaign. Every issue was new; and, as for the railroad question for instance, Mr. Beveridge took the position that there must be courageous action in behalf of the transportation concerns, seeing that justice is done them just as the government must see that justice is done the laboring man and every other citizen regardless of his position in society.

In short, the Beveridge philosophy is that of the old Roosevelt square deal. Doubtless thousands in Indiana saw in him and his efforts to come back in American politics, the consistent successor of that old leader with whom he fought so long and who so quietly laid himself down to sleep at Oyster Bay just when we needed him most, just as hundreds of thousands of citizens in other states saw the same thing.

Be that as it may, never did the republic need the services of men like Beveridge as it needs them today. If elected in November he will speedily become a great figure in the senate. And he will do this, not by intrigue or through the activity of a partisan cabal, but because of his intellectual appeal to the constructive mind of America.

That he will be elected seems certain. Those republicans who opposed him—who fought and voted for his antithesis in the republican party, New, the hard-and-fast organization man who delighted to bask in the reflected glory of the throne rather than earn his spurs in open combat in behalf of constitutional government, will sorely seek to encompass his defeat. That would bring about the downfall of the party in the ensuing election.

Beveridge, beyond question we think, will be elected to the senate in November by a handsome majority. We dare not seek to penetrate the veil. It would serve no useful purpose at this time to undertake to prophesy what the public mind will be two years hence. We merely want to reiterate an editorial statement which was made in these columns soon after Beveridge announced his candidacy:

If elected to the senate at this time, no man can say what the consequence will be. Both political organizations are without adequate leadership. Beveridge is destined for leadership. He will face an opportunity that being embraced may lead directly to the presidency, in spite of politicians, intrigue and the influence of vast wealth.

A DISAGREEABLE AFFAIR.

There is a great deal about this Haitian business that is disagreeable to an old-fashioned American citizen. One cannot escape the knowledge that for several years Haiti has been governed, not by its own people, not by the American congress, not even by the national administration. It has been governed by the navy department.

Whatever may have been the justification for taking over the Haitian government in the first

place—and we assume that such necessity existed—it was not sufficient to condone what has since followed. We know that Franklin Roosevelt made himself grotesque by declaring that he had written the Haitian constitution and had it in his pocket. And since then we have seen other officials of free America—liberty-loving America—dictating elections in Haiti and forcing cabinet resignations at the point of the sword, until, after many unsuccessful failures, a treaty has finally been ratified by the Haitians that no free people would ever think of ratifying as a voluntary act.

By this treaty Haiti just ceases to exist as a self-determining power. Of course the Haitian people are "hungers" and of course they are looking in the means of self defense against a nation as powerful as ours. But what boots all that to a people who asked their very national existence on a decent respect of mankind? Do justice and morality lurk only in the wake of brute force?

The World does not hesitate to say that the official record of this government's connection with Haiti during the past six or seven years is an indelible blot. It is a lasting refutation of the theory that there is any such thing as disinterested justice to be expected by a defenseless nation from a big-brother nation.

Haiti possesses economic resources that our own nationals covet. That is the explanation. And to have their way and the protection of orderly government every pretense of justice and international consideration for smaller nations is ruthlessly ground under foot. While denouncing the German theory, that only such nations as are capable of protecting themselves should survive, we go right ahead practicing that theory.

We don't like to think of such things. We would be happier to be occasionally impressed by a demonstration that ours is a government big enough to voluntarily do justice, too big to practice injustice.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Both the democrat and republican parties in Maine have declared for a repeal of the primary law. The platform put forward by the republicans is typical. It reads:

"Whereas, the direct primary law was enacted by the people, thinking it an improvement over our former system, and whereas, it has been fully tested and found not satisfying, therefore we advocate submission to the people of a proposition for its repeal."

Thus, regardless of which party wins in the fall election, the people of that state will be called on to either sustain the direct primary law by their votes or order it blotted from the statute books.

We may be sure that this amazing action was not taken lightly. We may be sure that an existing public sentiment practically forced the politicians of both political organizations to write this plank into their platforms. And the entire country will watch the result with vast interest.

A few years ago the primary system of making nominations was painted by its advocates as a panacea for political ills. Rapidly it was adopted by state after state. Yet after practicing the law for several years the vast number of people have been forced to admit, somewhat reluctantly in many cases, that the primary has added to, not reduced, the grave ills of the governmental systems.

One grievous thing it has accomplished is the complete obliteration of party responsibility, party principles and party discipline. It has left only party labels, and these but confuse and annoy. So far from putting the poor man on an equality with the rich in the quest for office, it has added immeasurably to the advantage held by the rich man. And, admitted by all, it has lowered the standard of officialdom in a most alarming way and made of public men despicable cowards, willing to barter the constitution and its beauties for the support of a voting faction.

As we see Maine setting about the repeal of this law we are reminded of the philosopher's epigram, "Human liberty makes progress only through the repeal of laws."

PROMPT ACTION BY COMMISSION.

The prompt action taken by the corporation commission to check the impudent cupid of the gas company deserves a word of praise. This world The World is glad to give.

The corporation commission has ordered the gas company to bill its customers for April gas at 42 cents instead of 62 cents. The gas company had already billed its customers in District No. 1 at the 62-cent rate. The commission orders these bills amended.

The promptness of the commission in blocking this attempt of the gas company to secure thousands of dollars of its patrons' money, to have and to hold and to use interest free indefinitely, is commendable in the extreme.

No gas consumer should pay more than 42 cents a thousand for the gas consumed during the month of April. If the bill is figured on the higher rate make your check to cover at 42 cents a thousand and let the gas company walk the floor.

Just Folks

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ONE-SIDED.

He wanted money. Cash he made. The reason for his daily trade. He worked for money, spent his time seeking the dollar and the dime. And raked them in—both found and lost. Although he owned a fortune vast. His days were far from being glad. For gold was everything he had.

He wanted fame. Both day and night He was a self-advancing fight. He would be great by virtue of skill. His feet would climb the topmost hill. What though another's joy must fail. He would be master of them all. He rose to fame, but in the end. He found he hadn't made a friend.

Not by a single plan we live. Who takes, must also plan to give. Who would be great by virtue of skill. Make glad the lives of other men. Who would have friends when old and gray. Must play the friend with all today. The selfish goal were better lost. Than purchased at too great a cost.

Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON.

Another thing, we never did think much of the Red river so long as our riparian rights were preserved.

And, also, there are people who seem to take a delight in reminding you of your birthday and wedding anniversary.

For a man who spurned the tempter up to the last minute, John Fields made a very pretty speech of acceptance.

The stand old Muskogee Phoenix shows perspicacity when it doubts that radiophone will ever take the place of a party line.

While the time has not yet expired, we have an unfair fight to note that Judge Christopher has announced as a candidate to succeed himself.

A correspondent sends in an inquiry as to whether Governor Robertson included the executive mansion in his charge that every home in Oklahoma City had its own broom plant.

One of the big leagues is figuring on putting a baseball player in the outfield because he has but legs. It seems to us that if there is anywhere in baseball where a player needs good legs it is in the outfield.

A modest young Indian maiden near Muskogee in a suit for damages values her love at the nominal sum of \$5,000. But, perhaps, an intimated, she saved her damages upon a Bradstreet report of the young man's resources.

It is understood that Reverend Irwin will have to invent something better than the "Little Church Around the Corner" to get out of the present charge. Marrying a couple in bathing tows is different from writing a character for a politician.

Barometer of Public Opinion

America's Anchorage.

"I want to say to you, that the one everlasting anchorage of this republic is in common sense. It is in which we are gathered. In the simple life of the hamlet and the village there is the typical, sturdy life of our America. It is the life of the country, the life of the country, the life of the country."

Even in this nation, that was once agricultural and that has become industrial, even in a country that has gathered six of every 10 of its people into its cities, the virtues of the president's statement will be recognized and accepted. He has done well to remind our cities of an everlasting truth. It is in the country towns, in "the hamlet and the village," yes, and in the deeper country, that the foundation America, the old America, still lives.

So long as it dwells there the nation may count upon security. It does not matter much about the cities, stuffed with their undisciplined immigrants, jazz, beating on their snare drums, sinking with bootleg liquor and crammed with hoardings of the heights of their buildings and their bank clearings. "The hamlet and the village" and the back country are their foundation and support.

"Main street" is longer and wider than "Broadway." It is an inexhaustible source of courage, loyalty, determination, security, capacity and sometimes of genius. Without "Main street" and the back country our material avenues would still be tree-shaded trails. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Hasty Marriages.

Hasty marriages, says Representative George P. Codd, of Michigan, are one of the most prevalent causes of divorce. This profound and original thought preceded his enunciation of his remedy: "If we had a law which prescribed that a marriage could not be performed for five or 10 days after a license is issued it would go far toward remedying the condition."

It would not! When a couple reach the license-getting stage, they would take a longer period of probationary second thought to them off than 5 or 10 days. Perhaps Mr. Codd has been misquoted and meant 5 or 10 years. If he insisted on getting married after that time of waiting, between license and ceremony, they ought at least to know their own minds, but 5 or 10 years to recover from the contagion of love is classifying it as less dangerous than measles. —Pittsburgh Dispatch.

It's One Bootlegger Can't Beat.

Mr. Harry Johnston, the famous geographer, says the earth is drying up. He indicates, however, that this is due not to the Volstead but to another law—Washington Post.

They'd Rather Pay to Get Less.

People rush to a lecture when they could go to the public library and get more information in two hours than a lecturer could give them in a week.—Toledo Blade.

It's Just Full of Crises.

After all it is impossible to avoid a strong impression that Lloyd George is having a fairly good time at the Genoa conference.—Detroit Free Press.

Can Keep His Feet Cold All Right.

The police official who advises the householder to keep cool when he hears the burglar downstairs must be an optimist.—Boston Transcript.

Whaddya Mean "Enjoying"?

We're in favor of leaving the screens in the soft-drink machine. Who wants to be seen enjoying a soft drink?—Buffalo Express.

In Story in Going Conference.

Up to the hour of going to Genoa was still chiefly conspicuous as the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. —Birmingham Age-Herald.

Boy, Page Wayne B. Wheeler!

When the citizens have to take to the hills in the flood areas the water is overacting its ancient role as chaser.—Chicago News.

Too Raw for Us to Swallow.

"Ecotaphism," says Conan Doyle, "is the raw material of psychic phenomena." There is general agreement that it is raw.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Be "Cultivated Taste" With Them.

If the Irish would ever try peace they might like it.—Greenville Piedmont.

The Last Is True, Anyway.

Successful business men say opportunities for a young man to earn money are as good today as at any time in the past, and everybody says opportunities to spend money never were better. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Their Usual Hard Luck.

Many editors, Mr. Bryan says, are worse than bootleggers. But there aren't many of them who manage to make their wickedness pay them as well.—Charleston News and Courier.

Bigger They Are, Harder They Fall.

Bernard Shaw may be an author of repute, but his silly love letters sound just like all silly love notes, when they are published.—Toledo Blade.

Has Little Information.

As a supplement to his recent book, Mr. Tu-multy might write a chapter entitled "Woe Wilson as I Know Him Better." —Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

He's Due for Another Eruption.

Now that Japan will ratify that Shantung treaty, Mr. Johnson will be certain that there is something wrong with it.—Indianapolis Star.

They'll Always Run for the Job.

Possibly, as Mr. Mondell insists, congressmen are grievously underpaid, but they never seem to go on a strike.—New York Tribune.

Only Consumer Is Broke.

Though the statisticians frequently declare "the cost of living drops," somehow it never seems to break.—Chicago News.

IT'S VERY AWKWARD—

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when, in a moment of great sentimental exaltation—



you are reminded that you are needed at home.

They Tell the Bride 'It Won't Last'

By NORA COLE SKINNER



Nora Cole Skinner Nothing calls forth this attitude so much as a happy bride, to whom marriage is the zenith of her career, love sublime, and every thought pertaining to the relationship of man and woman.

These older women feel they must not let the young bride be happy in her love and that of her husband. I wonder at their delight in telling the bride to "make the most of it while it lasts." I wonder at their pleasure in talking this way even if they believe it, or think it clever, and if I had a young married daughter I would warn her against such women with all my might.

If the magic that we call love, and the love that we call marriage, do not have full sway to bind young couples together during their first years, then marriage will be hard. Time gradually gets young heads to working right along with their young hearts and what drops off in the way of romantic emotion comes to be doubly made up for in a love of perfect companionship, each one's life not complete without the other, each one's happiness solely dependent upon that abiding but deeper love of youth.

But talking women who try to make a young married woman think she is silly and quite unsophisticated to be "crazy about her husband," make the bride unhappy over the little baby that is on the way, and altogether cast reflections on a woman being proud of her new life. Are just like grapes in a cup. They are all married themselves, and should know what they are talking.

Nothing goes out of life excepting to make room for something better. Take nothing away unless something nearer perfect is put in its place. Let brides think it will "last." Their's may.

To go through life taking away instead of giving is the poorest life one can lead. We may all have our individual opinions, we may all have our individual beliefs, we may believe firmly there is no God, but what do we gain for ourselves or for them who do believe if we take away their God and give them nothing instead? We may believe with years that the romance of marriage is all a froth and that the sole happiness it brings is but in contemplation, but what good does it do when we meet young romance to shatter it in youth. We have taken all and given nothing in return.

If people were made to pay for all ideals, delusions, if you please, there would be less light talk given and more joy and visions that make life sweet and worth living.

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The surest way to make a living is to go to work.

You get a better idea of a woman when she gets up in the morning on a sleeping car than you had the day before.

A religion that makes dancing and golf compulsory would sweep the country.

Big appetites usually produce big stomachs.

The clothing business is the oldest business in the world, and a woman and an apple started it.

Hez Heck Says:

"Tight pants on fat men makes you think of low-necked dresses on skinny women."

The Horoscope

"The stars incline but do not compel."—Cpt. 1912, by McClure Newspaper Synd.

Friday, May 5, 1922.

Mars is in benefic aspect early this morning, according to astrology, but later Mercury and Uranus dominate the day in evil ways.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By Lee Pope

Me and Puds Skinks was wawking home from skool tawking and arewking, and we started to have a fourse argewment about wich is the most intelligenst munkey, or dogs, me saying dogs and Puds saying munkeys, him saying, We certaynly munkeys is the most intelligenst. Men came from munkeys, didnt they? If dogs was the most intelligenst y men would have came from them, wouldnt they? Tiny natcherly picked the most intelligenst to come from, didnt they?

If munkeys was so darn intelligenst they'd of bin peopple themselves instead of staying munkeys and leevyng people come from them, certeny dogs is the most intelligenst. I sed.

On we kepp on arewking about out dogs could do that munkeys couldnt, and war munkeys could that dogs couldnt, Puds saying, All right, I bet you a dollar munkeys is the most intelligenst.

Well I bet you 5 dollars dogs is, I sed.

I bet you a hundred dollers munkeys is, sed Puds.

I bet you a thousand dogs, I sed.

I bet you a million munkeys is, sed Puds.

I bet you a trillion dogs is, I sed.

Wich sed then a hot waffle wagin started to go past, the man interchawisticly say, "Gee, you waffles, and I sed,